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Ronald Wilson Reagan

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An American Legacy

Following is an excerpt from President Ronald Reagan's farewell address to the nation from the Oval Office on January 11, 1989.

Before I say my formal good-bye, maybe I should tell you what I'm up to now that I'm out of office. Well, I'm still giving speeches, still sounding off about those things I didn't get accomplished while I was president.

High on my agenda are three things. First, I'm out there stumping to help future presidents - Republican or Democrat - get those tools they need to bring the budget under control. And those tools are a line-item veto and a constitutional amendment to balance the budget. Second, I'm out there talking up the need to do something about political gerrymandering. This is the practice of rigging the boundaries of congressional districts. It is the greatest single blot on the integrity of our nation's electoral system, and it's high time we did something about it. And third, I'm talking up the idea of repealing the Twenty-second Amendment, to the Constitution, the amendment that prevents a president from serving more than two terms. I believe it's a preemption of the people's right to vote for whomever they want as many times as they want.

So I'm back where I came in - out there on the mashed potato circuit. I have a feeling I'll be giving speeches until I'm called to the great beyond and maybe even after. All it will take is for St. Peter to say, "Ronald Wilson Reagan, what do you have to say for yourself? Speak up."

"Well, sir, unaccustomed as I am . . ."

My fellow Americans:

This is the thirty-fourth time I'll speak to you from the Oval Office and the last. We've been together for eight years now, and soon it'll be time for me to go. But before I do, I wanted to share some thoughts, some of which I've been saying for a long time.

It's been the honor of my life to be your president. So many of you have written the past few weeks to say thanks, but I could say as much to you. Nancy and I are grateful for the opportunity you gave us to serve.

One of the things about the presidency is that you're always somewhat apart. You spend a lot of time going by too fast in a car someone else is driving, and seeing the people through tinted glass - the parents holding up a child, and the wave you saw too late and couldn't return. And so many times I wanted to stop and reach out from behind the glass, and connect. Well, maybe I can do a little of that tonight.

People ask how I feel about leaving. And the fact is, "parting is such sweet sorrow." The sweet part is California, and the ranch and freedom. The sorrow - the good-byes, of course, and leaving this beautiful place.



President Reagan walking along the White House colonnade and waving goodbye on his last day in office, Jan. 20, 1989. (Photo from Ronald Reagan Presidential Library, public domain.)

“Whatever else history may say about me when I'm gone, I hope it will record that I appealed to your best hopes, not your worst fears; to your confidence rather than your doubts. My dream is that you will travel the road ahead with liberty's lamp guiding your steps and opportunity's arm steadying your way. ”

—President Ronald Reagan

Command Chief represents wing's enlisted members

By Chief Master Sgt. Timothy Tillman
Wing Command Chief

Your Command Chief has been very busy over the last month representing our Wing at several meetings with distinguished visitors as well as the Clear Activation Ceremony, and conducting a First Sergeants board during our May UTA.

I was very impressed with the number of members we had apply for the three vacancies—14 all together—and even more impressed with the seven outstanding individuals we put forward to the commanders as prospective diamond wearers. The process was long and arduous but very rewarding in the end.

I also learned from the experience and intend to make some changes to both the application and the boarding procedures in the future. Notwithstanding, I am very confident that the three new first sergeants chosen by their commanders will be wonderful additions to both their new units and to our First Sergeants Council. They are Master Sgt. Paul Verrier for the Maintenance Squadron, Tech. Sgt. Ed Williams for Aerial Port Flight, and Tech. Sgt. Barbara Jackson for Civil Engineers.

The Corona Top conference at Elmendorf brought many distinguished members of the Air Force to our city and I had the opportunity to

meet with several of them thanks to my counterpart at the 3rd Wing who included me in every function he could. Several other Kulis Chiefs and I had dinner with the Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force, Chief Gerald Murray, which included a lot of casual conversation and some very pertinent information being shared with the group afterward.

The next day, I had lunch with the Secretary of the Air Force, Dr. James Roche, on Elmendorf at the Iditarod Dining Hall. There were perhaps 20 in the group including Lt. Gen. Chandler, EAFB Chiefs, and a few EAFB First Sergeants. I sat directly to his left and asked him his thoughts concerning our ability to achieve both our peace-time and war-time missions simultaneously. He was gracious but in short his answer was, "we're at war."

On May 21st, I had the pleasure of traveling to Clear Air Force Station for the ceremony designating it as Det. 1 of Headquarters, Alaska Air National Guard as it transitions to its eventual designation as the 213th Space Warning Squadron under the 176th Wing.



The ceremony included the highest ranking Air National Guard member, Lt. Gen. Daniel James, the Director of the Air National Guard.

I was privileged to tour the base and be briefed on its mission with a group that included our wing commander, Brig. Gen. Gene Ramsay and Maj. Gen. Russell Axtel, the ANG Advisor to AF Space Command.

The following Wednesday, I was at a breakfast meeting with

Lt. Gen. Victor Renuart, Vice Commander for PACAF. He spoke very highly of the Alaska Guard, our wing, and the important missions we accomplish on a regular basis.

All in all, a very busy but very rewarding month. I think it's important for our wing to be seen at these functions whenever possible. To that end, I'll continue to represent the 176th to the best of my ability whenever asked.

Have a great ORI! It's our opportunity to show off and garner the respect our Wing deserves.

Fuel Your Future Who do you know? Alaska Air National Guard

The 176th Wing needs your help filling over 200 unit vacancies!

- We have a 90% success rate enlisting referrals from Guard members!
- Without your referrals, our recruiters process 30 packages for one successful enlistment.

Who do you know that will enjoy the education, benefits, and pride of serving our state and nation?

**Recruiters: 249-1282
or 800-642-6228**

Do you have news to share?

We welcome articles and captioned photos relevant to members of the 176th Wing. Submissions must be accurate in fact, and will be edited for clarity and length. Articles will be published as space permits. Submissions are due on Sunday of the UTA prior to the month the article will be published.

Submit articles as Microsoft Word attachments via e-mail. Photographs must be 300 dpi TIF or JPG images, also submitted as attachments via e-mail. Please send to:

candis.olmstead@akanch.ang.af.mil

We may be contacted at (907) 249-1342. The office is manned with Traditional Guardsmen, so please leave a message.

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ORI is here...read these reminders and be vigilant

- The PDF ("mobility line") will be operating under a time crunch, so use the following PDF etiquette:
 - Be patient and follow directions quickly.
 - Ask your questions at the unit pre-assembly, not during the PDF.
 - Delayed processing is driven by unprepared deployers! Be prepared or you will hold up everyone else.
- ORE personal bag and B bag weights averaged 33 pounds a bag
 - This is a huge "flag" to inspectors that individuals are not packing in accordance with guidance.
 - Build your bag as you would for an actual deployment, or it will probably be inspected.
- All personnel must wear BDU caps for Phase II (not unit baseball caps)
- Make sure your VRED is complete and correct
 - Update or correct it in virtual MPF at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/vs/ and file it in your personal readiness folder.
- Complete any delinquent online training required.
- Make sure the clinic has your medical records.
- Remember the basics:
 - Current ID
 - All required equipment
 - Sense of urgency, positive attitude and teamwork!
- Please conform to all inspectors' requests and up-channel it to leadership if you believe it is incorrect or not what was negotiated.
 - Be flexible!

Think about it: pictures and videos turn actions into *information*

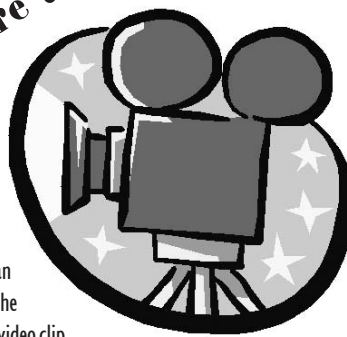
Staff Sgt. Shannon Oleson
Multimedia Center

Don't we all know that it is not what we do but what we get caught doing that gets us in trouble? Many a person has offered him or herself up on a public platter for scandal, ridicule, and most certainly for our amusement. We all know their names: Paris Hilton, Pamela Lee, the Star Wars Kid. These people, (intelligence placed aside), took a normal action (loosely applied) and documented them on video.

Therein lays the twist. Actions that are documented are no longer actions but instead become information; information that needs to be monitored, contained, and perhaps even destroyed. This has happened in my family. My brother videotaped himself at fifteen lip-synching to "Hey, Hey Little Susie." Cameron's thirty-one; the video is still around. We still think it's funny; he still does not. This is simplicity unto itself: if you don't want your mother-in-law viewing either your bachelor party or the consummation of your marriage, don't film it. It sounds simple, huh?

Maybe not, and it is much more serious than what I have so far discussed. How many times have you received the same joke through e-mail from two unrelated senders within days of

Picture this!



each other?

It took less than six days after the Star Wars Kid video clip first appeared on the Internet before someone had added the special effects to it. And it took less than two weeks for that video to become the topic around the World Wide Water cooler.

Monitoring and containing information is about information management, operational security, and communication security. Air Force Multimedia personnel follow very specific guidelines set forth in our Air Force regulations. It is our job to adhere, and it is recommended you do the same. (See sidebar)

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I must know:

- ☑ My UCC ph. # _____
- ☑ Location of my personnel bunker _____
- ☑ Chemical sector I am in _____
- ☑ Air base defense sector I am in _____
- ☑ SALUTE method of reporting
- ☑ Procedures if a UXO is found
- ☑ Duress words and chemical code
- ☑ Sign/countersign word/number
- ☑ Current MOPP level and alarm condition

I must have:

- ☑ Dog tags, ID card, line badge
- ☑ Helmet, canteen, web belt, body armor
- ☑ Kulis ATSO guide
- ☑ Simulated M8 paper, M9 tape, M29I decon kit, M295 decon glove, nerve agent injectors and Cypro pills

✂ cut and save

Public Release

Following are excerpts from AFI 33-117 Multimedia Management, Chapter 6.3, Public Clearance.

- Whenever possible, clear all images for public release through the originating public affairs office. The caption sheet must indicate the status of clearance, and if cleared, who performed the clearance.

Public Affairs is the only releasing authority for releasing information, images and video, to the public. This is not just for security reasons. Still, graphic, and video images should be viewed as a weapons system that can change world opinion more effectively than bombs and bullets.

Unit self-help cameras are "for official use ONLY," and even images and video taken with your personal equipment on government time belongs to the government, AFI 33-117 Chapter I section 10.5 and 10.6 Official Multimedia Products and Services.

- Photographs (film and digital), motion imagery (film, analog and digital video), transparencies, audio records, and other MM products are subject to safeguards and release guidelines when released outside the Department of Defense.

So, whether you are at your home unit or if you packing to go TDY, watch your actions with your camera because, what happens TDY does not always stay TDY. And with that said, your expensive digital camera should probably stay home.

Because just maybe, one of your images out of 1000 will end up circulating around the World Wide Water cooler and then Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld will have to make a World Wide Apology for you, too.

Promotions

Lieutenant Colonel

Mark Bour HQ AKANG

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Erika Sorum 210 RQS

Thomas Stephens Jr. 210 RQS

Captain

Connie Armstrong 176 WG

1st Lieutenant

Sharyl Worrell 210 RQS

Eric Oakes 210 RQS

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Peter Meacham 176 ACS

Senior Master Sergeant

Fred Heiker 144 AS

Clifford Stockton 176 CES

Master Sergeant

William Goodwin 210 RQS

Eric Howell 210 RQS

Ricardo Montana 210 RQS

Master Sergeant cont'd

Mark Moraes 176 AMXS

Timothy Rogers 176 AMXS

Paul Spychalski 176 AMXS

Charles Wright 176 AMXS

Technical Sergeant

Brian Boucher 176 MXS

Timothy Cottingham 103 CST

Kim Henderson 144 AS

John Swearingin 176 CES

Staff Sergeant

William Hinman 176 SFS

Robert Meacham 176 MXS

Sean Mitchell 210 RQS

John Smith 144 AS

Jared Stanley 176 CES

Nathan Suel 176 MXS

Senior Airman

Eric Brinkman 176 AMXS

Leonard Bundridge 176 AMXS

Thomas Hough 144 AS

Jesse Swensgard 176 MXS

Kent Bryant 144 AS

Awards and Top Grads Decorations



Meritorious Service Medal

Lt Col William Miller 176 OSF

SMSgt Michael Paulsen 176 MXS

Air Force Commendation

MSgt Curtis Graham 176 MXS

TSgt Eric Chester 176 AMXS

SSgt Ivan Gonzales 176 MXS

Air Force Achievement

SMSgt Victoria Lambert 176 MXS

TSgt John Dyson, Jr. 144 AS

CDCs 90% or above

Colleen Hough 176 MDS

MSgt Mark Brauneis 176 CES

MSgt Scot Lambert 176 MXS

MSgt Thomas Martin 176 LRS

TSgt Sonny Dean 176 ACS

TSgt Donna Pasley 176 LRS

SSgt Sharon Bledsaw 176 APF

SSgt Jonathan Hammond 176 ACS

SSgt Kirk Hopingardner 176 SFS

SSgt Clarence Stevens 176 ACS

Formal School Outstanding Performers

SrA Benjamin Ahrens 176 MXS

AIC Eric Brinkman 176 AMXS

AIC Brian Jeffrey 176 LRS

AIC Samuel Medlock HQ AKANG

Get fit...join a Kulis running team

Would you like a plan that will really help you ace this year's fitness test? Join a Kulis running team!

Right around the corner is the Klondike Relay. The Kulis team is looking for runners to join this year. The run (www.sportyukon.com) is held September 10-11, from Skagway, AK to Whitehorse, YK (110 miles total). The team is 10 members who run distances ranging from 5.8 miles to 16 miles.

If you are interested in being on the Alaska National Guard Marathon team (featured on the right), check out the requirements below:

Runners must have run a qualifying marathon time within 18 months of the Lincoln Marathon. The time requirements are; Open Men (men under 40) 4 hrs, Masters Men (men 40 or over) 4 hrs 15 mins, Women (all ages) 4 hrs 30 mins.

For more information on either event, contact the state coordinator, Chief Master Sgt. Brian Shaffer at 249-1875.



Alaska National Guard Marathon Team members:

Maj Scott Lubin, 176 OSF, 3 hr 42 min

CMSgt Brian Shaffer, 176 LRS, 3 hr 22 min

MSgt Doug Kaaihue, 176 CES, 3 hr 2 min

TSgt Shane Garling, 176 AMXS, 3 hr 8 min

Maj. Scott Lubin crosses the finish line at the Guard Marathon in May. Four members of the 176th Wing were in Lincoln Nebraska May 4 participating in the Lincoln All Sport National Guard Marathon.

Maj Scott Lubin, Chief Master Sgt. Brian Shaffer, Master Sgt. Doug Kaaihue and Tech. Sgt. Shane Garling competed against teams from all 50 states and Puerto Rico, and still came in at tenth place overall.

Tenth is pretty good, especially considering the team came from a cold climate state that has a short training season for running. Kaaihue and Garling made the All-Guard Men's Open Team, which travels to different marathon throughout the year, competing against other armed services teams.



Top Notch!

2nd Lt. Scott Altenburg, a member of the 144th Air-lift Squadron, graduated from USAF Undergraduate Pilot Training May 21 at Del

Rio AFB, Texas. He was recognized as the Distinguished Graduate (number one in his class), he won the Top Flight Award, was voted Number One second lieutenant by his peers, and also got the Daedalian Award (see description below).

Lt. Altenburg will attend C-130 pilot training at Little Rock AFB before returning to Kulis.

In case you didn't know...

This particular Daedalian award—formally called the Orville Wright Achievement Award—is presented to outstanding graduates of the undergraduate pilot training schools of the USAF Air Education and Training Command, the Naval Air Training Command, and to outstanding graduates of the Army Aviation School. It was first awarded in 1960.



Retirement Ceremony for

Chief Master Sgt. Christopher Moore

30 June 2004

1300, Ops Theater

Please join the Command Post team

in recognizing Chief Moore for

28 Years and 8 Months

(Mar. 11, 1976 to Oct. 1 2004)

of military service with the

Alaska Air National Guard at Kulis



You are invited to

Master Sgt. Charles "Charlie" Brenton's Retirement Party

Celebrating 39 Years of Service

Tuesday, June 29th, 2004

6 p.m. to 11 p.m.

At the Hilton Anchorage Hotel

Hors d'oeuvres Reception 6:30-7:30,

Cash Bar, Presentation of Awards,

Dessert and Dancing

\$25.00/ticket. Call Tammy Lindemuth at

277-3074 for tickets and to RSVP.

You must RSVP by June 22, 2004.

What's for lunch?

MREs...yum!

Got church?

Chaplain Cavens will be conducting a Chapel service during the ORI.

It will be in the Chaplains' office area in Bldg. 37 at 1500 on the Sunday of drill.

This will be a play area.

Members are welcomed to the service and must be aware that appropriate attire for the threat level will be required.

This is an inspectable issue for the Chapel Staff and is an important part of their mission.



Prizes, prizes, prizes!!

A message from Chief Master Sgt Rich Zellner, Club President, Spot 13...

Now that I have your attention I would like to inform you that Spot 13, your all-ranks club right here at Kulis, is holding a raffle to replace a very leaky roof and our worn out heater.

First place is your choice of a 1934 Ford pickup street rod or \$15,000.00 in cash

We will also draw 10 tickets for \$100.00 prizes each. Tickets are \$50.00 each and ONLY 800 will be sold.

Points of contact for ticket sales are Rich Zellner, Paul Sychalski and Bob Garger. I thank you all for supporting our most recent club card drive and ask that you help us once again so we can continue to update and improve our little oasis. Thank you!



Duty Calls

Upcoming UTA dates

Month:	UTA:	Pay date:
June	17 - 20	July 1
July	no drill	--n/a--
August	7 - 8	Aug. 18



You should Know...

Alaska Native Outreach

An eager group of guardmembers known as the Alaska Native Outreach Team have been gathering weekly on base to promote Air National Guard involvement in area Alaska Native events.

The goal is to create a connection with our native community and introduce them to the benefits of working with the Air National Guard. The team is looking for additional members of the 176th Wing and Headquarters to join our group.

For further information on the Alaska Native Outreach Team, contact Col. Colleen Hough at colleen.hough@akanch.ang.af.mil or 249-1222.

Mission Support Group

First Sergeant

Vacancy Announcement

The 176th Mission Support Group has a traditional Guardsman opening for its first sergeant position.

Minimum qualifications include:

- MSgt or TSgt eligible for immediate promotion to MSgt.
- Prior qualification at the 7- or 9-skill level in any AFSC.

The board will begin interviewing on or about August 2004. For further information or assistance contact Maj. Marie Wauters, (907) 249-1403. Please return applications to:

176th Mission Support Flight
ATTN: Major Wauters
5005 Raspberry Rd.
Kulis ANGB, AK 99502-1998



Who saves the PJs?

By Capt. Candis Olmstead
Public Affairs

Last month, pararescuemen from the 210th Rescue Squadron were snowed in—literally—while they were doing an expedition to conduct training in mountain rescue. Pictured is the camp on Eklutna Glacier where they were doing a “Rigging for Rescue” exercise.

The PJs flew back into the camp and entered a blizzard, finding their tents under two feet of snow. They spent the next two days in the tents and digging. The snow was coming down so fast, said one pj, that they could not dig themselves out fast enough.

Two team mates ended up missing and were thought buried under the snow.

“We didn’t hear any response from Carl Brooks or Mike Murphy so we were desperately trying to dig their frozen little bodies out,” said Chief Master Sgt. Garth Lenz. “No fear, though, as they made an escape in the middle of the night without telling the others and went to an emergency cabin down glacier,” he added.

Thank goodness the PJs can save themselves!

First (and last) Chief of the Air Control Sq.

Below, Command Chief Tillman presents Chief Meacham with an Alaska Chief Coin at his promotion ceremony. Chief Meacham is the first Air Guard Chief of the 176 ACS and is the last Chief of the 611 ACS.



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